

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the Application. Claims 13 and 14 are added by this amendment.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, namely, the blade thickness at the bending point being larger than the non-bending area blade thickness, as recited in claim 3. FIG. 2 is amended herein to show the blade thickness at the bending point being larger than the non-bending area blade thickness. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter not described in the specification. This rejection of claims 1, 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is respectfully traversed. However, in the interest of expediting consideration and allowance of the pending claims, the Applicant has elected to amend the

claims to remove the term "unperforated". Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3 and 7 are in proper form and it is respectfully requested that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,302,876 to Emmett ("Emmett") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,200,976 to Gooding ("Gooding") and U.S. Patent No. 972,436 to Clark ("Clark"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Emmett in view of Clark and further in view of Saturday Night Live Episode ("SNL") or U.S. Patent No. 1,920,711 to Pelizzola ("Pelizzola"). Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,489,589 to Nissen ("Nissen") in view of Emmett and further in view Clark. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nissen in view of Emmett and further in view of Clark as applied to claim 7 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,224,900 to Creamer ("Creamer"). The rejection of claims 1-9 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 13 are allowable over Emmett in view of Clark, SNL, Pelizzola, Nissen, and Creamer for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that it is directed to "[a]

razor head having at least one blade for attachment to a corresponding fixed bridge partition". Because Emmett does not include a corresponding fixed bridge partition, it cannot be considered analogous art, and, thus, should not be used to reject the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that Emmett describes a shaver having two blades that are arranged to be affixed to the shaver using blade retainers passing through the slots 30 in the blades (see, Emmett, FIG. 2). This requires each of the blades to include the pair of vertically extending slots 30. (See, Emmett, col. 5, line 55 to col. 6, line 12.)

Further, instead of being attached to corresponding fixed bridge partitions, as Emmett's Figures illustrate, opposite sides of each blade, i.e., the bottom side of the lower blade and the top side of the upper blade, are affixed directly to the razor blade cartridge (see, Emmett, FIG. 6, razor blade cartridge 200) and not to corresponding fixed bridge partitions.

Gooding does not remedy the deficiencies of Emmett. First, Gooding does not include the corresponding bridge partitions. Gooding in fact shows that each razor blade is attached to a single metal blade carrier 11 (see, Gooding, FIG. 2). Further, contrary

to the assertions contained in the Office Action (see, the bottom of page 4 and top of page 5 of the Office Action), because Gooding does not disclose a blade that is "bent relative to the further portion", e.g., its blades do not include an edge and a further portion as substantially recited in each of the claims. Further as clear from a simple inspection of the figures of each of Emmett and Gooding, the blades of Gooding are not interchangeable with those of Emmett since the mounting system of the blades in Gooding is not compatible with the shaving head of Emmett.

Clark is directed to a process of making blades and does not cure the above discussed deficiencies of Emmett and Gooding.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the razor head of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark. For example, Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark does not teach, disclose or suggest, a razor head that amongst other patentable elements, comprises "at least one razor blade attached to a corresponding fixed bridge partition, each of the at least one razor blade comprising: an edge portion with a cutting edge, and a further portion having a top side attached to the corresponding fixed bridge partition of the razor head, the edge portion being bent relative to the further portion

in a bending zone spaced from said cutting edge, wherein at least the edge portion has a material structure hardened by a first heat treatment and wherein the bending zone has a locally re-heated structure formed subsequent to the first heat treatment" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claim 7.

SNL, Pelizzola, and Creamer are cited for allegedly showing different features of the claims and do not cure the noted deficiencies of Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark.

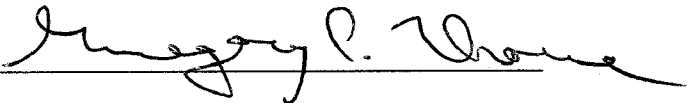
Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable over Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-6, 8-9 and 13-14 respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 7 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to

submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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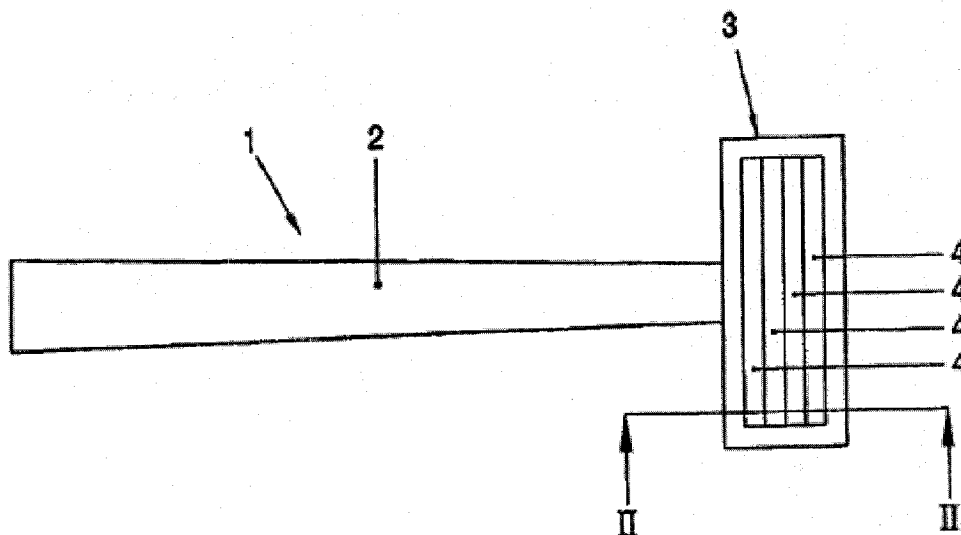


FIG. 1

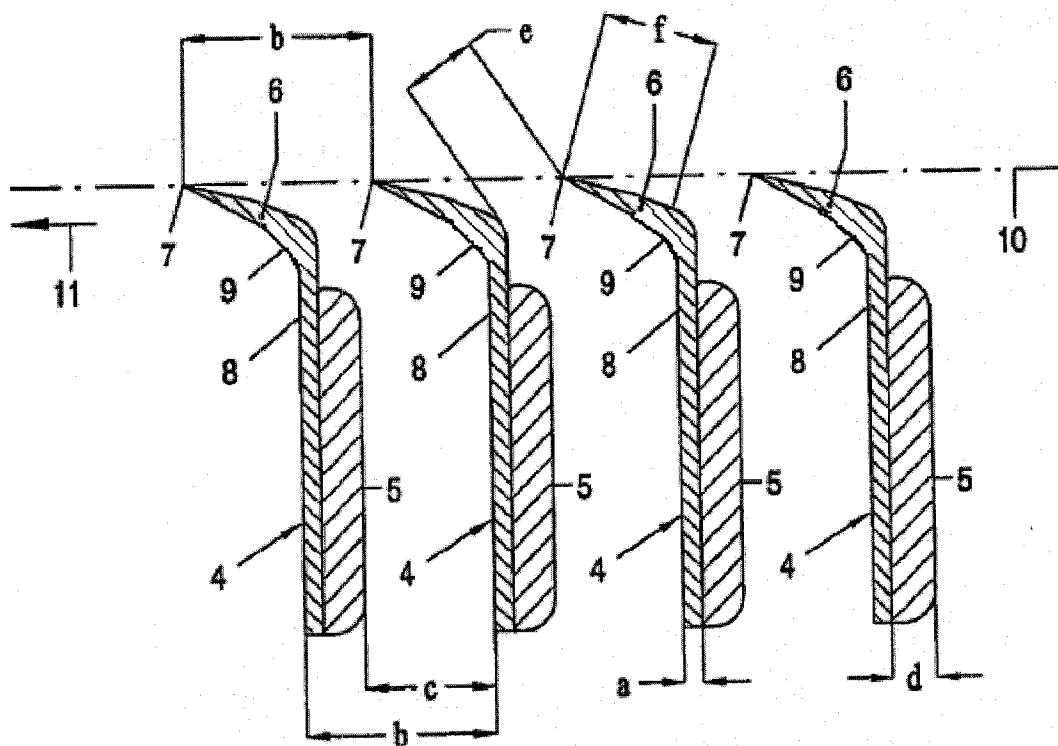


FIG. 2